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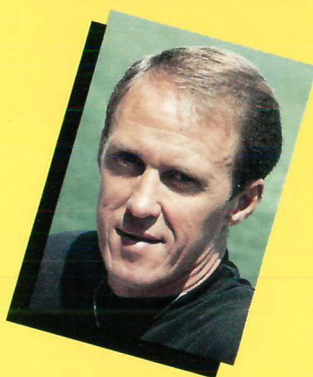


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# PHIL'S PAGE



It goes without saying that we were all bitterly disappointed to go out of the Leyland DAF Cup at Tranmere on Tuesday night—especially after having our noses in front at half time.

But it is no good looking back. It is time now to look

forward to our game against Birmingham this afternoon and, hopefully, ensure that the midweek setback was nothing more than just a hiccup.

We only have one goal in mind now and I can say from the team's point of view we are all tremendously committed to making that happen.

I felt certain situations were in the lap of the gods at Tranmere and, sadly on this occasion, they didn't go our way. But we will go into every remaining League game with the belief that we can win it and I'm sure that sooner or later we will get the rub of the green.

I was proud of my players, as I have been so often, and I was proud of the support you gave us.

The way we bounce back from the setback of missing out on what we had hoped would be a happy return to Wembley will illustrate the character of the team we have here these days.

In welcoming Dave Mackay and his team I'm sure they won't need me to remind them that we owe them one after our narrow defeat at St. Andrews back in November. With that in mind I think we can look forward to an afternoon of good footballing entertainment.

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**STEVE THOMPSON**

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Dear Sir,

On Saturday, 10.2.90. I had the honour of being a guest of a linesman along with my son Paul, at the Bolton v Rotherham game.

The reason I am writing is to thank your manager Mr. Neal and Club officials for making it a memorable day for my son Paul. Not only did Mr. Neal take the time on what was a very busy day to autograph my son's programme but also allowed me to photograph himself with my son. I would also like to thank the Club official who allowed! no, insisted that my son be photographed holding the Freight Rover Trophy. We were shown nothing but kindness and courtesy by Club officials, right down to the ground stewards and staff.

Your manager and team are a credit to your Club and Town and are fine ambassadors for the game. In future I am sure the first result my son will look for on a Saturday afternoon will be that of Bolton's, after Everton's of course!

Good luck in the promotion race.

Yours in Sport,

**P. Hughes**

(Bootle, Merseyside)

## THE 3RD DIVISION FACTS & FIGURES

	MOST		FEWEST	
Wins	Bristol C.	16	Walsall	5
	Notts Co.	14	Blackpool	6
	Tranmere	14	Cardiff	6
	Crewe	12	Brentford	3
Draws	Wigan	12		
	Preston	16	Bristol R.	4
	Mansfield	15	Bristol C.	5
	Leyton Orient	14	Huddersfield T.	5
Defeats			Bolton W.	5
	Rotherham	54	Walsall	22
	Tranmere	53	Blackpool	25
	Preston	57	Bristol C.	20
Goals For	Swansea	43	Bristol R.	20
Goals Against				

HIGHEST AVGE. HOME ATT. Bristol City 9,911, Birmingham C. 8,372, Bolton W. 6,995, Tranmere R. 6,749.

LOWEST AV. HOME ATT.: Chester C. 2,346, Wigan A. 2,474

HIGHEST ATT.: 17,432 Bristol C. v Bristol R. (23.9.89.)

LOWEST ATT.: 1,722 Chester C. v Leyton O. (6.1.90.)

HIGHEST SCORES: Tranmere 6 Bristol C. 0 (29.9.89)

Reading 6 Preston 0 (17.2.90.)

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS: Williamson (Rotherham) 17, Holdsworth (Brentford 15), Muir (Tranmere) 14, Robinson (Bury) 13, McGinlay (Shrewsbury) 13..





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### BURNDEN 7 A-SIDE SUNDAY LEAGUE

#### T.P. CONTRACTS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF

**Played Sunday,  
18th February, 1990.**

A good crowd turned out to watch the play-off for the Championship between Morris Green and Lane Ends. Lane Ends won 2-1 in a game that did credit to both sides. Green took the lead against the run of play with a great goal from Wayne Kennedy in the third minute. Although trailing, Lane Ends dominated the game and were rewarded when Mark Burton equalised in the 10th minute. Carl Madderick finished off a fine worked goal to take the lead in the last seconds of the first half. This proved to be the winner, for try as they might, Green failed to score again.

### UPHOLDING THE PLAYING ETHICS

The judgement of referees is often questioned at all levels of the game, none more so than in the pressure cooker of professional football. But the controversy surrounding the World Heavyweight Title fight between Mike Tyson and James 'Buster' Douglas highlights the dangers for sport if the authority of those officials charged with responsibility for upholding the playing ethics is undermined.

The laws of association football are quite unequivocal on this issue, however—Law 5 conferring ultimate responsibility upon the referee as follows:-

*"his decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned."*

Lest we forget . . . !

### BLADES AIM TO CUT A DASH ON TV

Second Division high-fliers Sheffield United are to be the subject of a B.B.C. documentary series taking a look at what happens behind the scenes at a top football club. The six-part series will be shown on B.B.C. 2, probably at the end of March.

A camera crew has been following United's activities including not only match action but also training sessions, the work of the manager and other club officials, such as the physio and groundsman. The local community and club supporters will also be features in the series.

### FURTHER LIVE T.V. DATE ANNOUNCED

The second leg of the Littlewoods Challenge Cup Semi-Final between Coventry City and Nottingham Forest will be screened live on I.T.V.'s 'The Match' on Sunday, 25th February, kick-off 3.30 p.m.

Littlewoods Cup holders Nottingham Forest, who take a 2-1 lead into the game, are attempting to reach the Final for the second successive season whilst Coventry are seeking their first ever appearance in the final.

The current live line-up looks like this:-

#### 25.2.90.

Coventry City v Nottingham Forest (3.30 p.m.)  
Littlewoods Challenge Cup Semi-Final/2nd Leg)

#### 4.3.90.

Coventry City v Aston Villa (3.30 p.m.)

#### 18.3.90.

Manchester Utd. v Liverpool (3.30 p.m.)

#### 21.3.90.

Everton v Nottingham Forest (8.05 p.m.)

#### 18.4.90.

Arsenal v Liverpool (8.05 p.m.)

### RE-ARRANGED FIXTURE

The Orient v Bolton game has now been pencilled in for Tuesday, 27th March.



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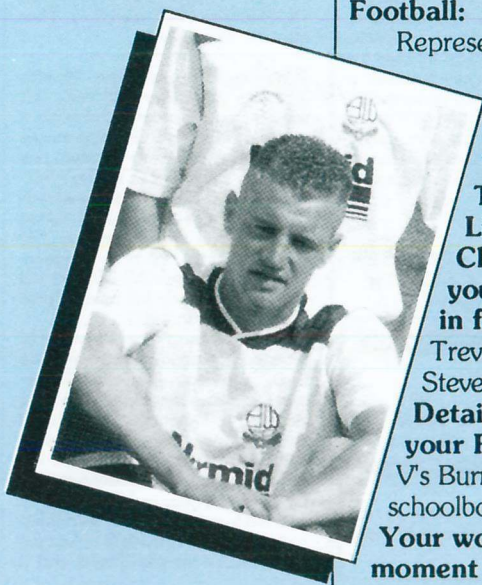
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# PLAYER PROFILE

**NEIL  
HART**



**Name:** Neil Hart  
**Place/Date of Birth:** Bolton/13.11.71.  
**Married:** No  
**Children:** No  
**Favourite Other Team:** Any except Manchester Utd.  
**Favourite Away Ground:** Liverpool (Anfield)  
**Best Player you have seen in your position:** None  
**Best Goal scored and how:** For Port Vale against Walsall 35 yards.  
**Best Goal seen:** Frank Worthington v's Ipswich.  
**Best Sporting Moment outside Football:**

Representing Bolton League at Cricket at Old Trafford.

**The Liveliest Character you have met in football:** Trevor Morgan, Steve Thompson.  
**Details of your First Match:** V's Burnley as a schoolboy.

**Your worst moment on the**

**football field:** Being sent off in an L.F.A. semi-final playing for Bolton Lads Club.

**The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch:** Watching Stubbsy moan every day in training.

**Your best pal in football:** Simon Sharrock, Shane Williams, Steve Coffey.

**The best and worst dressers among your team mates:**

Dave Reeves best, Nick Bentham.

**Do you have any hobbies:** Bolivian rug making.

**With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?:** Mike Gattling (I'll do anything to see the world!)

**Your favourite newspaper:** Financial Times

**Your favourite holiday spot:** Beirut  
**Biggest risk taken in your life:** Getting in a car with Mark Winstanley

**Happiest moment outside football:** Getting engaged to Vici.





# VISITORS FILE VISITORS

## BIRMINGHAM CITY



This afternoon we welcome the players, officials and supporters of Birmingham City to Bumden Park. Relegated from the Second Division last season, the Blues are experiencing the first taste of Third Division football in their 115 year history and need to put together a consistent run of results, especially away from home, to get involved in the play offs. Recent form has been disappointing with only two League wins in their last eleven games since their 1-0 home win over the Wanderers on November 25th.

Away from home City have won three games, at Brentford (1-0), Reading (2-0) and Crewe (2-0) and have

drawn at Bury, Bristol Rovers and Swansea. Heavy defeats have been suffered at Rotherham (1-5), Chester (0-4), Tranmere (1-5) and at home to Bristol City (0-4). Birmingham raised early season hopes of a successful promotion campaign by winning five of their first seven games but the recent indifferent form has been reflected in the gates at St. Andrews. A crowd of 5473, the lowest so far this term saw the goalless home draw with Wigan last Saturday.

In Cup football, Birmingham lost 2-3 on aggregate to West Ham Utd. in the Littlewoods Cup 2nd Round. Wins over Leyton Orient and Colchester, both away, took the Blues into the FA Cup 3rd Round. They drew 1-1 at home to Oldham before St. Andrews' largest crowd of the season, 13131, but lost the replay by a single goal. In the Leyland DAF Birmingham failed to progress beyond the preliminary round.

The Birmingham manager is the well respected **Dave MacKay** who took over from Gary Pendrey towards the end of last season. The former Derby County and Doncaster Rovers boss made over 400 appearances in the Football League after joining Spurs from Hearts in March 1959, playing also for Derby and Swindon, and won 22 caps for Scotland. MacKay has overseen a big change in playing personnel at St. Andrews and with a clutch of highly promising local born young players emerging the Blues could soon be climbing the League again.

### Last Season

#### Division 2 P 46

Home W6 D4 L13 F21 A33  
Away W2 D7 L14 F10 A43  
35 Pts. 23rd (Relegated)

### Most League Appearances

Roberts 41, Overson 41, Atkins 40, Thomas 36, Langley 34+2, Wigley 33, Robinson 31+2, Bremner 28+1.

### Top Scorers

Robinson 5, Whitton 5.

### FORM GUIDE

#### Last 10 League Games

Preston N.E.	(h)	W	3-1
Bristol R.	(a)	D	0-0
Notts. Co.	(a)	L	2-3
Fulham	(h)	D	1-1
Bristol C.	(h)	L	0-4
Crewe Alex.	(a)	W	2-0
Shrewsbury T.	(h)	L	0-1
Tranmere R.	(a)	L	1-5
Swansea C.	(a)	D	1-1
Wigan Ath.	(h)	D	0-0

### GOALSCORERS 1989-90

**League (31):** Bailey 11, Sturridge 7, Gleghorn 4, Yates 2, Hopkins 1, Gordon 1, Tait 1, Atkins 1, Frain 1, Madden 1, OG 1.

**Cup (10):** Gleghorn 3, Atkins 3, Bailey 2, Sturridge 1, Sproson 1.

### League Appearances 1989-90

Ashley 14, Atkins 28, Bailey 26+2, Bell 14+1, Clarkson 14+3, Deakin 3+4, Frain 22+1, Gleghorn 25, Gordon 7+2, Hansbury 1, Harris 0+1, Hopkins 10+1, Langley 15, Madden 4, Matthewson 28, Overson 17, Peer 9+3, Roberts 4+1, Sproson 12, Sturridge 17+1, Tait 3+5, Thomas 27, Yates 8+3.

Birmingham goalkeeper **Martin Thomas** joined the club early last season from Newcastle following a successful loan spell. The experienced former Bristol Rovers number one made 36 appearances in City's Second Division side and has missed only one League game this season, taking his career tally to an impressive 376 League outings. Born in Senghennydd near Pontypridd, 30 year old Martin gained one full international cap for Wales in 1987.

**Ian Clarkson** is a 19 year old local born defender who came up through the youth ranks at St. Andrews, making his debut at home to Barnsley in October 1988. After a handful of senior outings last season, he has won a regular place in the last three months. **Vince Overson** joined City from Burnley in 1986. The 27 year old former England Youth International defender made 211 League appearances for the Claretts and is

## FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	League		Most Apps	Top Scorer
			Lge Cup	FA Cup		
1984-85	2	2nd	3	3	Wright 42	Clarke 17
1985-86	1	21st	3	3	Seaman 40	Geddis 6, Kennedy 6
1986-87	2	19th	3	4	Bremner 40	Clarke 16
1987-88	2	19th	3	5	Wigley 43	Whitton 14
1988-89	1	23rd	2	3	Roberts 41, Overson 41	Robinson 5, Whitton 5





# VISITORS FILE VISITORS

nearing 150 League games for Birmingham. **Trevor Matthewson** was signed from Lincoln City in the last close season. The Sheffield born 26 year old defender played formerly for Sheffield Wednesday, Newport County and Stockport County and has been everpresent so far this season taking his tally to 229 League games. He made the gamble of dropping out of the League and starred in the Lincoln side which regained League status by winning the GM Vauxhall Conference in 1987-88.

**John Frain** is a former St. Andrews apprentice who graduated to the League side in April 1986. Last season the local born 21 year old became a first team regular and he has again featured prominently this term. **Ian Atkins** is a vastly experienced midfielder or defender who was signed from Ipswich Town in April 1988 following a loan spell. The Birmingham born 33 year old made 278 League appearances for his first club Shrewsbury Town and scored 58 goals. He later played for Sunderland and Everton and this season passed the milestone of 500 League games when the Blues visited Bury in October. He has been everpresent this season. **Kevin Langley** was born in St. Helens and made his name at Wigan Athletic, for whom he played in 160 League games. He made two six figure transfers to Everton (£100,000) and Manchester City (£100,000) but played a total of only 25 League games for those two clubs before moving to St. Andrews in March 1988. The 25 year old



**Back Row:** Brian Roberts, Robert Hopkins, Colin Robinson, Martin Thomas, Roger Hansbury, Ian Atkins, Paul Tait, John Frain.  
**Middle Row:** Fred Davies (Youth Team Coach), Dean Peer, Mark Yates, Trevor Matthewson, Paul Maselfield, Neil Sproston, Phil Sproston, Colin Gordon, Kevin Langley, Matthew Fox, Peter Henderson (Physio).  
**Front Row:** Ronnie Morris, Dennis Bailey, Simon Sturridge, Paul Shephstone, Bobby Ferguson (Asst. Manager), Dave Mackkay (Gen. Manager), Andy Harris, Andy Williams, Kevin Ashley, Ian Clarkson.

midfield player was a regular in Birmingham's Second Division side last season.

**Dennis Bailey** was a close season signing from Crystal Palace and is City's leading scorer so far this term with 13 goals in League and Cup including the winner against the Wanderers at St. Andrews in November. The Lambeth born 24 year old striker made only 5 League games for Palace but impressed in a successful loan spell at Bristol Rovers last season when he scored 9 goals in 17 games. **Mark Yates** is a 20 year old local born striker who has begun to challenge for a regular first team place. **Dave Madden** is currently on loan to Birmingham from Crystal Palace. The 27 year old midfielder player was formerly at Southampton, Arsenal, Charlton and Reading. He scored City's equaliser in the 1-1 draw at Swansea in their last away game.

27 year old **Nigel Gleghorn** was signed from Manchester City last September and has been everpresent since his debut at Shrewsbury. The former Seaham Red Star midfielder player was formerly with Ipswich and this season passed a century of League appearances. **Brian Roberts** is a 34 year old defender who made his League bow with Coventry City in the 1975-76 season. After 215 games for the Sky Blues he joined

Birmingham in March 1984 and early this season made his 400th League appearance. **Colin Gordon** was signed from Fulham at the start of this season. The 27 year old Stourbridge born striker played formerly for Swindon, Wimbledon and Reading.

**Simon Sturridge** is another local born youngster to graduate through the trainee ranks. The 20 year old striker made his League debut as substitute against West Brom in October 1988 and this season has been a first team regular, scoring 8 goals in League and Cup. **Robert Hopkins** is now in his second spell at St. Andrews. The 29 year old midfielder player has also played for Aston Villa, Manchester City and West Brom and is close to 250 League games. **Paul Tait** is an 18 year old striker who hails from Sutton Coldfield. He made his first team debut against Leeds in May 1988 and has made 19 League appearances so far. **Kevin Ashley** is a 21 year old Birmingham born full back who was a product of the club's Youth Development Scheme. He was the Barclays Young Eagle Regional Award winner last October.

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# MATCH REPORT

**Saturday, 17th February.**

## IN BRIEF

'Quicksilver David Reeves' strike after 19 SECONDS for Bolton was beaten by Arsenal's Steve Bould who deflected the ball past his own keeper after only FIFTEEN SECONDS.

Seven players took early baths after being shown the red card from the Third and Fourth Division clashes around the country.

Liam Robinson (Bury) and former Wanderers Neil McNab (Tranmere) went in the same game. Northampton's Dean Thomas was sent off against the Wanderers, who must have one of the best disciplinary records in the Leagues. Others to blot the copy book were Alex Jones (Carlisle), Keith Nobbs (Hartlepool), Dave Caldwell (Torquay) and Mansfield's player manager George Foster.

Bury ended their 546 minutes goal drought but slithered to another home defeat.

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The 5th Round of the F.A. Cup saw holders LIVERPOOL progress to the quarter finals after deposing of SOUTHAMPTON, 3-0 at Anfield. EVERTON looked to have mastered OLDHAM's plastic pitch after forging into a 2-0 half time lead. But Andy Ritchie put the Latics on the road to recovery with his 25th goal of the season, beating Neville Southall from the spot. Roger Palmer sent the fans delirious with the equaliser to send the tie to a replay at Goodison Park. Neighbours ROCHDALE who had made history in reaching this stage of the competition failed narrowly 1-0 at CRYSTAL PALACE where former Bolton YTS keeper Keith Welch, pulled off some World class saves. ASTON VILLA march on after defeating WEST BROM 2-0 in this Midlands 'derby' at the Hawthorns. Third Division pace-makers BRISTOL CITY salvaged a replay from their pairing with Fourth Division CAMBRIDGE.

## THE LEAGUE SCENE

In the THIRD, Notts County had their promotion challenge temporarily halted at FULHAM where the home side thumped in five against a two goal reply. SWANSEA made promotion hopefuls ROTHERHAM fight all the way at Millmoor where the Millermen ran out eventual 3-2 winners. Fourth placed HUDERSFIELD picked up maximum points after a narrow 1-0 home win over lowly MANSFIELD.

At Gigg Lane TRANMERE kept up their momentum with a 2-1 victory and now a five point

gap has developed between 8th placed BURY and BOLTON, who have played three games fewer than the Shakers. David Felgate kept another clean sheet as WANDERERS clinched their fifth win on foreign soil.

Facing a strong first half wind Bolton's back four spared the Cobblers attack limited opportunities. David Reeves set Wanderers off to a flyer and two more openings fell to the same player before the interval. Steve Thompson was subjected to some stern tackling but had the last laugh just before the final whistle when he got his name on the scoresheet with a blistering free kick to seal the points for Phil Neal's men.

Today's visitors fought out a scoreless draw against visiting WIGAN.

In mid-week Bolton played out the semi-final stage in defence of the Leyland DAF Trophy at Tranmere's Prenton Park. A 37th minute opener from Tony Philliskirk sent Wanderers in at half time on course but goals by Ian Muir and Jim Steel during the second period sent Rovers into the Northern Final in a two legged tie against 4th Division Doncaster.

The week's odd spot came from the Portuguese Third Division encounter between Cinfacs and Parades where referee Armando Portulez was sent off after insulting a policeman. The match was abandoned at half time when the ref. was escorted to the local police station.

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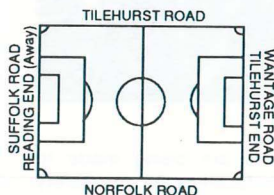
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**Ground:**  
**Field Mill Ground,**  
**Quarry Lane,**  
**Mansfield, Notts.**



**Ground Capacity: 12,228**  
**Seating Capacity: 3,448**

## READING

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Reading on Saturday, 3rd March, 1990. The price is £10.00 and the coaches leave at 9.00 a.m.  
Programmes: £1.00.

### Travel Information

From North: Take A423, A4074 and A4155 from Oxford across railway bridge into Reading. Follow signs for Newbury (A4) into Castle Hill, then right into Tilehurst Road. Turn right after 3/4 of a mile into Cranbury Road then left and 2nd left into Norfolk Road.

### Ground Facilities

**Food & Drink:** Snack Bars throughout

### Family Facilities:

**Location of Stand:** Norfolk Road side 'E' Stand.

**Capacity of Stand:** 446

**Away Families:** No

**Disabled Supporters:**

**Wheelchairs:** Accommodated in front row 'E' Stand (prior notice required)

**Disabled Toilets:** None

**The Blind:** No special facilities

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**Police Force:** Thames Valley

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## MANSFIELD

The **Travel Club** are taking bookings for the game at Mansfield on Tuesday, 6th March. The coaches leave at 4.30 p.m. and the price is £5.00.  
Programme: 60p.

### Travel Information

From Bolton take A666(M)M61/M62/M63 to Junction 12, (following signs for Town Centre and Buxton, to junction with A6. Turn right onto A6, travel south via Hazel Grove, Whaley Bridge to Chapel-en-le-Frith to junction with A623. Take A623 via Peak Forest to Baslow, junction with A619, then A619 to Chesterfield, junction with A617, A617 to Mansfield.

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**Family Facilities:**

**Location of Stand:** Chad Family Stand

**Capacity of Stand:** 1,130

**Away Families:** None

**Disabled Supporters:**

**Wheelchairs:** Accommodated

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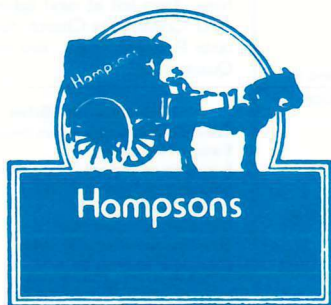
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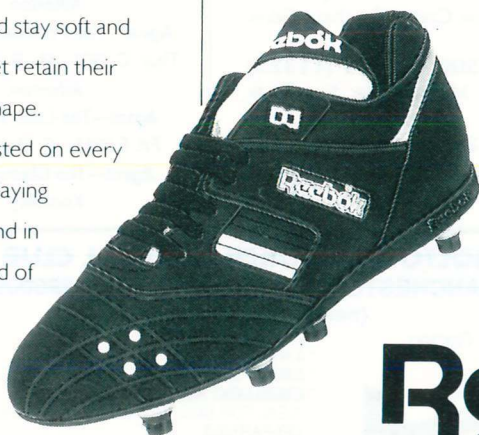
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## LOOKING BACK

**24th February**



### **WILLIE MOIR**

**Two FA Cup goals to defeat Portsmouth on this day in 1954.**

**1890**—The Wanderers faced fellow FA Cup semi finalists Wolves in a league encounter at Pikes Lane and won by 4-1 to record their fourth consecutive success. Jim McNee, with two, David Weir and Jim Turner scored for Bolton.

**1894**—Bolton qualified for the semi finals of the FA Cup after defeating Liverpool 3-0 at Pikes Lane. A capacity crowd of 16,000 saw the goals come from James Dickenson, who struck twice and Jim Cassidy.

**1900**—A goal from Larry Bell was enough to give Bolton the points from their second division visit to Woolwich Arsenal.

**1912**—Barnsley ended Bolton's interest in the FA Cup with a 2-1 win in the third round at Burnden. Joe Smith scored the Wanderers consolation.

**1913**—After finding themselves two down to league leaders Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough Bolton fought back to win a point with goals from Joe Smith and Jack Feebury.

**1923**—A late equaliser by Huddersfield denied Bolton a third round FA Cup success at Leeds Road. David Jack gave the Wanderers an 8th minute

lead but they were hampered when Walter Rowely proved costly against Preston who took both points by 2-0 at Burnden.

**1945**—Bolton became the first side to take a point at Anfield against Liverpool in the League North Cup qualifying competition. After being a goal down at half time Mal Barrass equalised in the 54th minute.

**1951**—Nat Lofthouse found the target but couldn't prevent Bolton going down 2-1 at Portsmouth.

**1954**—Another visit to the South Coast but this proved successful as Bolton recorded their first ever win at Fratton Park - this by 2-1 in a 5th round FA Cup replay. Willie Moir scored both goals before a crowd of 45,806.

**1979**—Both David Burke and Neil McNab struck their first goals for Bolton to defeat Chelsea 2-1 at Burnden in the clubs first home game in two months due to postponements.

**1981**—The Wanderers recorded their third consecutive home league win with goals from Neil Whatmore and John Thomas seeing off Oldham Athletic.



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***"The weather is something that is out of everybody's control"***



Fans of the cult series 'Ripping Yarns' were in for a special treat last weekend when 'Glory Gordon' was repeated. This half hour story featured a 1930's football side in Yorkshire who hadn't won a match for a number of seasons and Gordon alias (Michael Palin) was the mad keen supporter who save the club from being sold into a scrap yard. He had the brainwave to reform the successful side the club had a couple of decades back and the team, most of them by now O.A.P.'s did him proud by winning 8-1. Gordon whose whole life revolved around the football club even named his son after the team 'Barnstoneworth United' and could name every member of every team who played for the club. It really was a good football tale that was funny but with a glorious ending. Now that's something all fans can relate to.

Moving on to current issues and last week's fine 2-0 win at Northampton saw us gain ample revenge on the Cobblers for their victory here in December. A quick fire effort after just 17 seconds and a last minute strike kept us well in touch with the promotion pack and with Notts County losing, plus Bristol City have no League game the leaders didn't make any further headway.

Today's visitors, Birmingham, have found it tough going since being relegated from the Second Division last May but in saying that they inflicted defeat on us back in November at St. Andrews in one of only three

League away defeats so far this season. Every Bolton supporter who was at that game will agree that it was probably our worst away performance of the season but it did come during our injury problems and straight after our marathon spell of games against Swindon. Hopefully we can re-address the balance this afternoon but in saying that Don Mackay will in doubt make it tough with his side looking to put a good run together to salvage something this season.

It was unfortunate to have our last home game called off against promotion rivals Huddersfield but there was no other option after the torrential rain and gale force winds that made the pitch totally unplayable and left the Programme Editor pulling his hair out with 2,500 programmes left on his hands. The weather is something that is out of everybody's control, so it's no good moaning about it; you've just got to accept these things.

On closing this week, it was interesting to note who is the form team in the Third Division at the moment and wait for it, yes, only a few weeks ago they were bottom . . . Brentford, who have won eight of their last eleven League games to climb up to ninth in the table and if they keep the run going then who knows, maybe a play-off spot.

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## NEWS

### PONTIN'S LEAGUE FIXTURES 1989/90

Aug.	23	Sheffield W.	A	1-1
	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	P
	13	Middlesborough	H	1-4
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	P
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	3-4
	10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
	17	York City	A	1-1
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	P
	31	Burnley	H	P
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	3-1
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesborough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

7th February, 1990.

**Blackpool Reserves . . . . . 1**  
**Bolton Wanderers Reserves . . . 3**

The reserves' usual high scoring encounter at Bloomfield Road was again on show as they came from behind to register the first victory since the end of November.

The first half was void of any real clear cut chances with the blustery swirling wind playing its part in spoiling whatever football either side attempted to piece together.

Bolton's only scare during the opening half came just two minutes from the interval when Mark Came was on hand to clear a shot from Hawkins off the line.

The Wanderers had the wind behind them during the second half but fell behind when a shot from Hawkins took a cruel deflection, wrong footing Gareth Gray, before finding its way into the net.

Two penalty appeals in the space of a minute brought the Wanderers back into the game. Firstly in the 68th minute Neil Fisher was upended by Matthews but his appeal was turned down. Then Nicky Brookman was brought down by Filson and on this occasion the referee awarded a spot kick.

Paul Hughes saw his kick saved by Blackpool's keeper Gayle but the referee ordered a re-take after he had moved too soon. The keeper again got down to block the shot

but Robbie Savage was on hand to rush in and slam home the rebound for an equaliser.

Bolton took the lead two minutes later when, from a Gareth Gray clearance, Mike Jeffrey controlled the ball well and ran forward to fire home from twenty yards.

It was another long range shot, this time from Gary Henshaw, that secured the points in the 76th minute and gain revenge for Blackpool's win at Burnden earlier in the season.

### TEAMS

**Bolton:** Gray, Hughes, Oliver, Stubbs, Came, Winstanley, Henshaw, Savage, Brookman, Jeffrey, Fisher. Subs: Stevens, Spooner.

**Blackpool:** Gayle, Davies, Bradshaw, Abrahams, Filson, Dunn, Matthews, Hawkins, Diamond, Gouck, Eyres. Subs: Brook, James.

### PONTIN'S LEAGUE-DIVISION 2 Table as at 18th February, 1990.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sunderland	23	13	5	5	41	21	44
Wolverhampton W.	22	12	7	3	46	29	43
Sheffield W.	23	13	3	7	48	24	42
Rotherham Utd.	21	11	3	7	29	20	36
Scunthorpe Utd.	22	10	4	8	31	31	34
Middlesbrough	23	8	9	6	34	23	33
Barnsley	23	10	3	10	36	30	33
Mansfield T.	22	10	3	9	31	40	33
Stoke City	22	9	5	8	36	28	32
Preston N.E.	22	9	5	9	24	33	32
Blackpool	24	7	8	9	27	39	29
West Brom. Alb.	20	7	7	6	40	26	28
Port Vale	20	7	5	8	37	46	26
Wigan Ath.	19	6	4	9	24	34	22
Burnley	18	6	2	10	21	32	20
York City	21	6	2	13	26	41	20
Bolton Wand.	19	4	5	10	28	39	17
Grimsby T.	21	3	4	14	22	45	13



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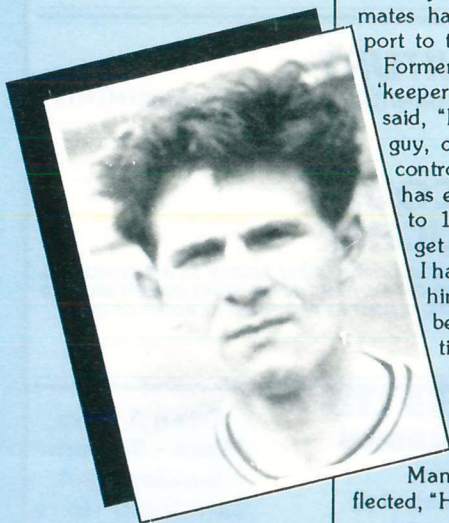




# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

## **FRED HILL** *ex Bolton & England*

***Read the views of  
some ex-team mates  
on Fred Hill.***



During the '60s there wasn't a better sight to see at Burnden Park than Freddie Hill jinking and weaving his way past defenders in a style so unusual in today's modern game. His close control and individual skills were a pleasure to watch and news broke only a few days ago that the Directors have granted the 'old' favourite a testimonial year—twenty years on. Apparently this had been granted during Fred's playing days and minuted at a board meeting but never implemented until now. Fred is now employed by former team mate Francis Lee and it is Franny who has offered to act as Chairman of the Testimonial committee.

The first event is likely to be a Sportsman's Evening and details of this will be released in the near future.

Many of Fred Hill's ex-team mates have shown full support to the testimonial.

Former Bolton and England 'keeper, Eddie Hopkinson said, "He is a tremendous guy, one of the best ball control players that Bolton has ever had going back to 1952. You couldn't get the ball off him and I have great respect for him. I remember him being granted this testimonial."

Wyn 'the leap' Davies who played alongside Fred at both Bolton and Manchester City reflected, "He was a good player

to have in the side when things weren't going well. I've been in the game a long time and seen Jim Baxter at Sunderland and Tony Currie at Leeds who were brilliant but I don't think they had the character of Fred Hill. He should have gone at one stage to Liverpool but failed the medical and that must have been a disappointment for him. He must often wonder just how he would have fared in that Liverpool team. When he came to City he wore No. 5 and Malcolm Allison made a big mistake in replacing Fred with Rodney Marsh. I remember one game against 'bogey' team Arsenal and we beat them and then followed by a visit to Everton and Fred got the winner there. I've always got on with him."

Little winger Dennis Butler said, "He must have been one of the most talented players I've ever seen. I remember one game at Tottenham when Fred was absolutely superb. His ability to dribble was second to none. I wish him all the best."

Centre forward Harry Webster and Freddie Hill both hail from Sheffield. Harry said, "I remember him coming as a young lad just as I was leaving but he was a very deceptive player and could get players off balance easily. It was a natural talent."

Fred still lives in Bolton and makes regular visits to Burnden to watch the present day team. Let's make it a good year for him.



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## RECOLLECTIONS



***"There have been quite a number of high scoring games between the clubs"***

*Photo: Frank Worthington scoring his first goal against Birmingham in September, 1978.*



Birmingham City make their first League visit to Burnden Park today since September 1978 when the clubs fought out a 2-2 draw in a First Division game.

Frank Worthington hit the target for Bolton in the 49th minute but within seconds Trevor Francis had equalised for City. In the 70th minute Worthington converted a penalty but Francis was again on the mark to level the scores three minutes from time. In injury time the Wanderers lost Sam Allardyce when he was sent off for retaliation.

The following November, at St. Andrews, City ran out 3-0 winners but lost their First Division status at the end of that term. Indeed Bolton's visits to Birmingham have proved fruitless as, on their last six visits, they have not even managed to find the net and have conceded 19 goals culminating in this season's 1-0 reverse.

Francis Lee was the last Wanderer to score a League goal

at St. Andrews when the clubs drew 2-2 in April 1967 in the Second Division. Bolton's other goal that day came courtesy of an own goal by City full back Dennis Isherwood.

Bolton have fared better at Burnden with only two reverses suffered at the hands of City on their last 33 visits. These came in December 1963 by 2-0, City completing the double to preserve their First Division status at Bolton's expense and in September 1965, by 2-1 Freddie Hill scoring for the Wanderers.

The club's first met during season 1894/95 when Birmingham, then known as Small Heath, completed the double. Bolton gained revenge the following term by handing out the same treatment and scoring a 4-1 success on City's first ever visit to Burnden Park in February 1896.

There have been quite a number of high scoring games between the clubs at Burnden with Bolton hitting six in 1928, Harold Blackmore getting a hat trick and six without reply in 1955 when Nat Lofthouse struck four times.

The last Wanderer to hit a hat trick against Birmingham was Roger Hunt when he was recalled after a seven game absence in November 1970. Bolton won the game 3-0 but were to win only one more League game that season.

Our overall League record against Birmingham is as follows:-

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	43	25	12	6	92	38	
Away	44	10	12	22	49	80	
Total	87	35	24	28	141	118	





For the first time ever the football league season almost failed to start on time with the Players Union at loggerheads with the FA over paying insurance to injured players. The dispute was settled in the nick of time but there was little to cheer about in Bolton.

The first four games, three of which were at Burnden, all ended in defeat. The first point of the season came in the fifth game at Sheffield United when the Wanderers came from two down at half time to draw 2-2. This was all the more

admirable as they were down to ten men, Robinson having been carried from the field injured.

Only four victories were recorded before the end of 1909 leaving the club at the foot of the table with 10 points from 19 games.

On New Years day Bolton were three up inside 35 minutes against Notts County at Burnden only to go down 4-3 and finishing with 9 men with both Greenhalgh and Owen getting injured. Cup defeat by 4-1 at the hands of Second Division Stockport prompted some action.

On January 20th Will Settle, who had been a director of the Club for 14 years, was appointed director manager whilst trainer Jack Lewis severed his connections with the Club.

Two days later League leaders Sheffield United were Beaten 1-0 at Burnden, Marshall McEwan scoring the all important goal in a side that showed four changes from the previous league game.

Unfortunately this wasn't to be the start of a revival although during February six points were won from four consecutive home games including a 5-2 win over fellow strugglers Chelsea.

The Londoners were attempting to buy their way out of trouble and persuaded the Wanderers to part with Marshall McEwan. The finances of the club at the time were poor with gate receipts £3,000 down on the previous season and rumours were spreading of a delay in paying players wages. Chelsea in the other hand, despite





their poor league position, were commanding the best gates in the Country.

Five games during March yielded only one point, with the opposing net only being found in one of the games, a 4-2 reverse at Blackburn.

With four games remaining Bolton found themselves six points behind Spurs who were in 18th place. The first two games were won but relegation was confirmed when Spurs came to Burnden and took both points in a 2-0 win.

## **SEASON 1909/10**



## **MARSHAL McEWAN**

***Sold to Chelsea***

The season wound up with a 1-0 defeat at Deepdale the scene there being in stark contrast to the joyous scenes at Burnden twelve months earlier.

Whilst injuries had once again plagued the side the failure of the inside forwards to find the net hadn't helped the Club's cause and with only five penalty conversions from a possible eleven that were awarded the players had on this occasion proved to be not up to the rigours of first division football.

The reserves on the other hand had proved themselves admirably finishing second in the Lancashire Combination, one point behind Everton, with Joe Smith, who was being groomed for greater things scoring nine goals.

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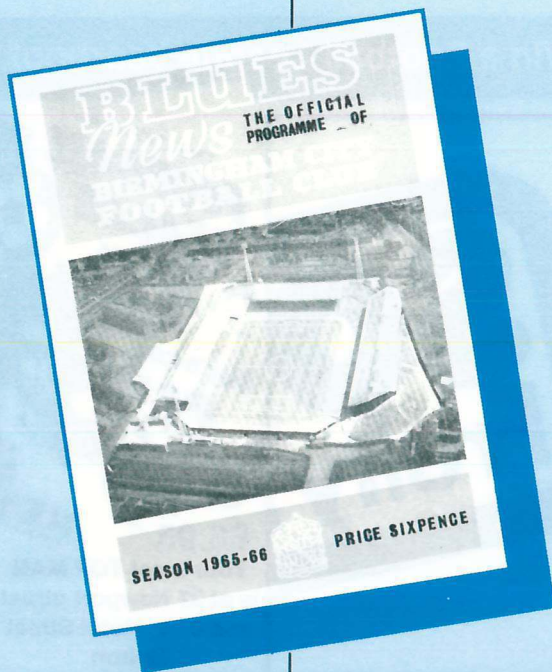


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**Second Division**

**Birmingham City . . 0**

**Bolton Wanderers . . 1**  
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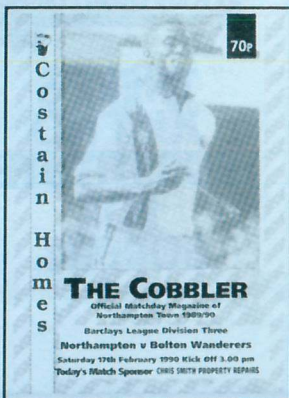


Our win at Northampton was apt revenge for their success at Burnden back in December. 'The Cobbler' was the official Matchday Magazine of Northampton and was priced at 70p, it was basically two colour, consisting of 36 pages.

Quite a good read, it was well designed, one major black mark against it was that it was top sided with advertising. Interesting articles included 'Around the County Ground' informative information on the home club, 'Berry Banter' which was an interesting column on the Cobblers and 'At a Glance' which was facts and figures about the two competing sides.

The features on the Wanderers was not the best I have seen on my travels this season but it did give a brief history on the Whites and a run down of results so far this season.

Overall it was a programme that I had a liking for, certainly value for 70p. There always seems to be something about the Northampton programmes from down the years that have had a different and interesting look about them and this issue once again gave a favourable impression.





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**BOLTON WANDERERS STATISTICS 1989-90**

## FIXTURES

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# Wanderers INFO

## Junior Whites



**Next  
H B Junior Whites  
meeting**

**Monday  
26th February, 1990.  
6.30 p.m.**

## TODAY'S REFEREE

**J. RUSHTON**  
(Stoke on Trent)

Mr. Rushton commenced refereeing in 1973, progressing through local football to the Midland Intermediate League and in 1976 to the Central League. In 1984 he joined the West Midland league, Panel Leagues and the Football League. Important matches officiated in include Linesman at Spain v Sweden International in 1988. He is married with one son and interests include squash, jogging and playing football.



## TODAY'S MASCOT

**Matthew Legg**

## DIVISION THREE

	Home			Goals			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Bristol	28	10	3	1	19	7	6	2	4	16	13	53	
Notts Co	28	9	3	2	21	11	5	5	4	20	20	50	
Bristol R	27	8	6	0	24	9	5	4	4	12	11	49	
Tranmere	29	9	3	2	35	14	5	3	7	18	18	48	
Huddersfield	27	9	3	2	20	11	4	6	3	18	19	48	
Rotherham	29	9	4	2	28	17	4	4	6	16	18	47	
Bolton	27	7	4	2	27	12	5	6	3	24	17	46	
Bury	30	4	6	5	18	17	7	2	6	24	20	41	
Brenford	28	6	1	5	27	20	4	2	8	15	22	39	
Chester	31	8	5	3	22	16	1	6	8	7	21	38	
Birmingham	28	7	4	3	19	10	3	3	8	12	25	37	
Shrewsbury	28	6	5	2	23	14	3	4	8	14	22	36	
Leyton O	29	7	3	4	19	13	3	2	10	18	28	35	
Fulham	29	5	6	3	24	18	3	4	8	13	23	34	
Swansea	28	7	4	3	19	19	2	3	9	10	23	34	
Crewe	28	5	5	4	16	15	2	7	5	14	16	33	
Wigan	28	6	5	3	17	11	1	7	6	10	22	33	
Reading	26	6	5	2	21	13	1	6	6	13	21	32	
Northampton	24	5	2	5	14	14	3	5	4	16	19	31	
Mansfield	28	7	1	6	19	16	2	3	9	10	23	31	
Preston	29	6	4	5	24	22	2	1	11	13	35	29	
Cardiff	26	2	7	4	15	18	4	3	6	15	20	28	
Blackpool	27	4	4	5	14	14	2	5	7	11	20	27	
Walsall	26	2	4	7	10	19	3	4	6	11	19	23	

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### RESERVES v PORT VALE

Pontins League

Wednesday, 5th March, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.



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- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

### **TODAYS LINE UP**

### **BIRMINGHAM CITY** Blue Shirts/White Shorts

- 1 Martin THOMAS
- 2 Ian CLARKSON
- 3 John FRAIN
- 4 Ian ATKINS
- 5 Vince OVERSON
- 6 Trevor MATTHEWSON
- 7 Kevin LANGLEY
- 8 Dennis BAILEY
- 9 Mark YATES
- 10 Nigel GLEGHORN
- 11 David MADDEN
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